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Campus police will begin to restrict bicycle parking

BY MONICA LACO
Asst. Campus News Editor

Campus Police has instituted a bike policy in response to campus-wide concerns about the use of the increasing number of bicycles on and around Xavier.

There are now bicycle operating and parking rules, and there will be a fine structure similar to that of the one for motor vehicles. Until now, there was no bike policy in place.

The policy says that students may not park their bikes on lawns, inside buildings or "in a way that would block or impede access to a building."

"We want people to be cognizant of obstruction and what it does for others," Xavier Police Chief Mike Couch said. "The policy is really about education," Couch said.

"The last thing we want to do is give students tickets," Officer



Newswire photo by Danielle Meiners

Cyclists will no longer be able to leave their bicycles on lawns, in buildings or "in a way that would block or impede access to a building."

Michael Long, who headed the policy, said. For now, Campus Police is issuing warnings.

Campus Police estimates between 60 and 100 students ride their bikes to campus every day.

They are aware the lack of bike racks is a major problem for students.

"We have talked to Student Government Association and Physical Plant about the fact

that we need more," Sgt. Ken Grossman, crime prevention specialist, said.

"When more funds become available, we will get more."

In determining the right policy for Xavier, Long researched other universities' bike policies. Many universities require and charge students to register their bikes.

Campus Police felt that was not necessary at Xavier, but students are encouraged to register their bikes for free with Campus Police.

"The benefit of registering your bike is it creates information on your bike so that if it gets stolen, you will get it back more quickly," Grossman said.

Students who register their bikes before Sunday, Nov. 15 will be entered into a raffle to win a Kryptonite U-Lock bike lock.

All students can also purchase U-Locks for \$20 at Campus Police.

Alexander out as women's coach



Photo courtesy GoXavier.com

Former head coach Alvin Alexander.

BY DOUG TIFFT
Sports Editor

Xavier women's soccer coach Alvin Alexander vacated his position on Tuesday afternoon following a 3-15-1 2009 season, Xavier Athletic Director Mike Bobinski said in a statement.

Alexander, the only African-American head coach of a varsity sport in Xavier history, compiled a 24-62-8 record after taking over in 2005 for Dr. Ron Quinn, who had coached the team part-time for 12 seasons.

After starting off 16-17-4 in his first two seasons, Alexander's Musketeers have only managed seven victories over the past three years, including a 1-16-2 campaign in 2008.

"I want to thank Alvin for his five years of dedicated service to Xavier University," Bobinski said in his statement.

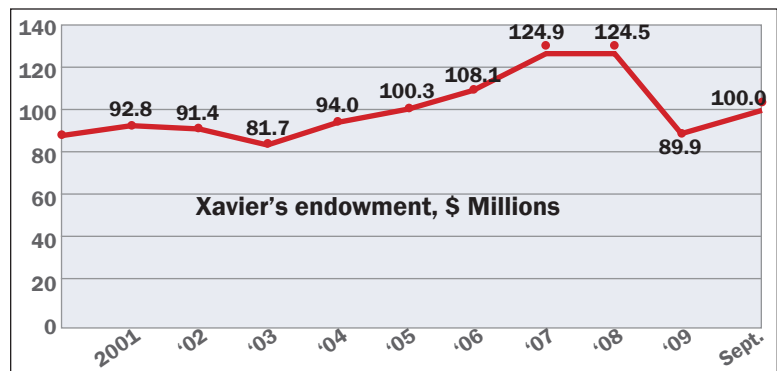
"We wish him well as he prepares for a new chapter in his professional career."

Before coming to Xavier to become the first full-time head coach in the women's soccer program history Alexander spent two seasons as an assistant at Notre Dame University, including the Fighting Irish's NCAA National Championship season in 2004.

A noted recruiter, Alexander maintained strong support from his team throughout difficult seasons in recent years.

"I think the recent decision to let him go was one of pure business," senior goalkeeper Kelly Farrell said. "Coach is a good man, but I think the program was due for a change. I wish the best to him."

Endowment climbs back to \$100 million



BY ANDREW CHESTNUT
Managing Editor

Xavier University's endowment has climbed to a value of \$100 million as of Sept. 30, after experiencing a loss of around \$35 million between the fiscal years (ending May 31) 2007 and 2009.

The endowment is funded mostly through "restricted" gifts to the university, meaning these funds are only used for specified purposes intended by the donor.

Each year, between 4 and 5 percent of the endowment is used for these specified programs, while the remainder is invested in a diversified portfolio, Thomas Cunningham, assistant treasurer, said.

"The university's operations were not heavily affected because only about 3 to 4 percent of the operating budget relies on the endowment," he said.

After peaking at \$124.9 million in 2007, the endowment reached a low point in late 2008 of around \$80 million following the recession and decline of the stock market.

"The endowment lost value primarily because the value of its investment portfolio declined about 27 percent," Cunningham said. "We did not see a significant decrease in donations."

Since that time, the endowment's value has increased in step with the recovery in the stock market. The fund has increased \$12.6 million dollars since May 31, 2000, and around \$80 million since the early '90s.

"We should see additional growth as outstanding donation commitments continue to come in," Cunningham said. "The endowment is certainly looking better than last year," he said.

Xavier off to a fast start with 86-47 win



Newswire photo by Danielle Meiners

The men's basketball team opened the pre-season Tuesday with a 39-point win over Rollins College. Sophomore guard Jordan Crawford led the team with 16 points and six rebounds in his first game for the Musketeers. Terrell Holloway (above) added nine points and a monstrous block in his 20 minutes. The men return to action Saturday against Northern Kentucky at Cintas Center. More on **SPORTS, pg 8**

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Senate undergoes constitution review

BY SARAH WIETEN
Campus News Editor

In attempts to define its role more accurately and keep the document up to date, Student Government Association's Senate is reviewing its constitution.

The constitution review occurs every three years with the last review in 2006-07.

This most recent article-by-article review has been undertaken by the Senate as a full body led by the Association Affairs Committee rather than only by the Association Affairs Committee.

"It's a very difficult process to make as many people as possible happy," said junior Neil Heckman, chair of the Association Affairs committee.

"Each word matters because these are the bare essentials of SGA," he said.

The changes the senators are making largely have to do with keeping the constitution up to date with the titles of the people and positions involved with their day to day business and editing the document for consistency.

However, the constitutional review also provides a time for Senate to reflect upon its relationship with clubs, student working groups and Student Activities Council and to alter those relationships if necessary.

Specific changes include an alteration to article four which changes the goals of Senate from "projects" to "initiatives," meant to encourage more long lasting structural changes to the university and fewer wasteful projects.

"Initiatives have long term implications for the university as opposed to flashy obvious projects that have no substance," junior Chris Hale, senate coordinator said.

Other changes include the mandate of a yearly club charter renewal regardless of leadership changes in the club as well as clarification regarding who may be a club advisor.

The review was made more difficult by senators who seemingly had not read the articles that were to be discussed, but Heckman was hopeful about the group's participation.

"The majority of people are reading and the people I didn't expect to read are contributing,"

Heckman said.

The constitution review is to be completed and the new constitution approved by Monday, Nov. 23.

This work is not only important in terms of its impact on Xavier's campus but its impact on other campuses as well.

"Last year we reviewed the elections code and we used examples from other schools across the nation.

"Similarly, other schools will look to this constitution to provide an example," said Heckman.

"I think we are slowly learning actually how to try to make the school better through our discussion, but it's taking awhile," senior senator James McShane said.

"No one currently on the board was a part of the previous review, so we have had some struggles learning how to do this work, but we are getting there," he said.

To see the 2006-2007 revised constitution, the pdf file can be found on the SGA website.

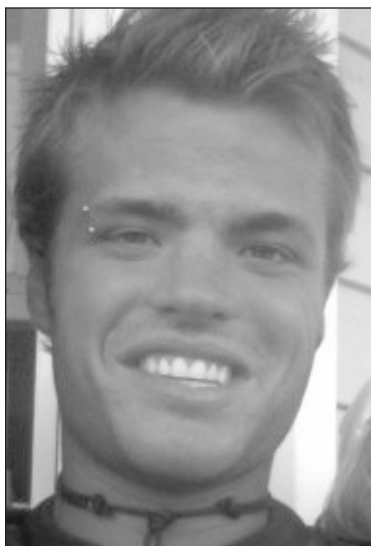


Photo courtesy of Facebook
Junior Senator Neil Heckman.

'Grants for Grads' aims to ease Ohio's brain drain

BY JOHN SCHROECK
Staff Writer

Xavier graduates who earned a high school diploma in Ohio may want to think twice before moving out of state.

An incentive designed to keep college graduates in Ohio will provide grants to college graduates to go toward the purchase of a house.

On Oct. 19, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) stated the official stipulations of the "Grants for Grads" program.

Under the "Grants for Grads" incentive program, Ohio residents who have recently received an associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral or other postgraduate degree can receive financial assistance in purchasing a house.

This assistance would cover 2.5 percent of the purchase price of the home.

Signed into law by Gov. Ted Strickland in July 2009, this program aims to halt the "brain drain" problem that has been affecting Ohio.

Keeping qualified individuals in Ohio will bolster the future of the state as a whole.

"By offering the program, we can better position the state to meet the needs of future graduates as they make plans to build their personal and professional lives in Ohio after college," Strickland said.

"Retaining educated and qualified graduates will also help to at-

tract new jobs and prevent others from leaving the state," he said.

"If a college graduate has a job offer in Ohio and one in North Carolina, that young person is going to weigh the salary, perhaps the taxes and the cost of housing.

"If we can say that you'll receive \$5,000 if you stay in Ohio, that might be enough incentive to keep those people at home," State Sen. Stephen Buehrer (R-Delta), the original sponsor of the "Grants for Grads" bill, said.

Ohio loses more than 5,800 bachelor's degree holders and nearly 2,900 graduate degree holders annually.

If this program is successful, there could be a decline in those numbers.

States such as Louisiana have adopted similar programs in hopes of keeping qualified individuals in state.

Graduates have an 18-month period after earning a degree to apply for the program.

Individuals partaking in this program who stay in Ohio for at least five years hold no obligation to pay back the money loaned.

Homebuyers who do decide to move out of state are required to pay back a portion of the loan at a zero percent interest rate.

Those interested in applying can find more information at ohiohome.org.

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Class withdrawal carries various consequences

May boost GPA, hurt financial aid

BY KATHRYN ROSENBAUM
Editor-in-Chief

Students facing failing grades can withdraw from classes with fewer long-term consequences compared with the consequences of a low GPA due to ‘D’s and ‘F’s.

Xavier’s policy allows students to withdraw from classes until Nov. 23 for the Fall 2009 semester.

They must receive an advisor’s signature to drop a class.

“The decision to withdrawal should be made as a joint decision. Students should talk with their

parents, professors and advisors before deciding to withdraw from a class,” Doris Jackson, director of Academic Advising said.

Students should find out if it is possible to move their grade up to a C or B before they withdraw, she said.

There are many legitimate reasons to withdraw from a class including personal circumstances, medical conditions, or a change

in majors, said Dr. Jim Snodgrass, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Withdrawing from classes does not usually have a negative impact on student’s transcript and admissions into graduate school or employment.

Although some programs, including Teach for America, may ask about class withdrawal on applications or in interviews, this is atypical, said Director of Career Services Jen Franchak.

“Employers and graduate schools generally request transcripts to verify grades, coursework, dates of attendance, and degree/certification awarded,” Franchak said.

“Rarely do they want to assess your documents as closely to review the dropped course notations,” she said.

“Withdrawal from classes in and of itself does not have negative effects on one’s admission to graduate school,” said Roger Bosse, director of the Office of

Graduate Services.

“Earning grades of ‘D’ or ‘F’ in undergraduate courses can have a definite negative effect on one’s graduate school options due to the fact that such grades have an immediate and long-term impact on a student’s grade point average,” he said.

Withdrawing from classes may have negative consequences—specifically regarding a student’s financial aid package.

Students need to complete a certain number of credit hours to maintain their financial aid packages.

For example, to receive federal financial aid, students must complete 2/3 of the credit hours attempted in an academic year.

On the other hand, Snodgrass said others may need to drop a class to maintain a GPA necessary for a scholarship.

Jackson said students must also consider if a withdrawn class is a prerequisite for other courses and make a plan for when to take the dropped class, so he or she can take subsequent classes.

The two departments with the most commonly dropped classes in the College of Arts and Sciences in Spring 2009 were the Mathematics Department with 137 drops and the English Department with 74 drops.

H1N1 vaccine due at Xavier, clinics around Cincinnati

BY MIKE GLYNN
Staff Writer

The H1N1 virus has started to make a comeback around campus.

“Emergency Response Team is prepared to respond in the event of another outbreak and reopen the recovery center,” said the H1N1 update online.

The last known number of cases was 175 at Xavier. Miami University and Northern Kentucky University have both stopped reporting cases. Miami was last reported as having 280 cases while Northern Kentucky saw 32.

The new vaccine should assist in the fight against the virus.

A clinic will occur 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 19 on the concourse

of Cintas Center in order to administer the vaccine to students under 24 years-old only. This date may be postponed depending on when the university receives its vaccine supply. The vaccine is free, and all students are required to present a valid All Card.

The Cincinnati Health Department will be offering vaccine clinics the rest of this week at various health center locations for high priority groups. Adults under the age of 24 are considered “high priority.”

Ohio University received the vaccine on Nov. 1 while Cincinnati University’s first vaccination session occurred on Oct 21.

Miami University and Northern Kentucky do not have scheduled times posted.

Election results in; Mallory re-elected

Mark Mallory (D): 36,444 votes (54.1%)

Brad Wenstrup (R): 30,901 votes (45.9%)

Tom Chandler (Write-in): 48 votes (0.1%)

(All results as of Nov. 3)

Other results:

**State-wide Issues-
1 (Veteran benefits):**

72% Yes
28% No

2 (Livestock):

64% Yes
36% No

3 (Permission for casinos):

53% Yes
47% No

Norwood results:

(All results as of Nov. 3)

Norwood Council President:

Jane Grote (R): 60.2%
Cheryl Cole (D): 39.8%

**Norwood Council At-large
(Three elected):**

Michael Gabbard (R): 19.1%
Joseph Sanker (D): 39.8%
Victor Schneider (R): 17.4%

Norwood Council 1st Ward:

Keith Moore (D): 52.2%
Alfred Boehme (R): 47.8%

Norwood Council 2nd Ward:

Steve Thornbury (R): 58.8%
Gordon Williams (D): 41.2%

Norwood Council 3rd Ward:

Donna Laake (R): 67.4%
Chuck Barlow (D): 32.6%

Norwood Council 4th Ward:

John Mumper (D): 55.6%
Todd Tittle (R): 44.4%

**Issue 16 (Sunday liquor sales
at Kroger):**

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**Issue 16 (Sunday liquor sales
at Donna’s Carryout):**

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The Gallagher Student Center once again served as a polling location for the Nov. 4 elections. Because it was an odd-year election, fewer voters lined up than in 2008.

Campus constuction forums

BY AMY WINDHORST
Features Editor

On Monday, Nov. 2, the Student Government Association, along with university administration, hosted the first of three student forums to discuss plans for the newest residence hall at Xavier.

Led by Associate Vice President of Facilities Management Bob Sheeran, the sessions are aimed to get feedback from students concerning the preliminary drawings and floor plans of the new space. The next sessions will take place on Tuesday Nov. 10 at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday Nov. 11 at 4 p.m.

The images and plans shown to students on Monday had already been changed slightly since the presentation was prepared, said Sheeran. They featured a four-tower residential plaza accompanied by a new dining space that would replace the current dining center in Cintas Center.

The plans also include a 4,000 square foot retail area, which could incorporate a convenience store and alternative dining depending on who buys the space. The construction is set for completion in 2011.

Already determined was a suite-style layout, including four-, six-, and eight-person suites. Ideally, the new residence halls would be used alongside Buenger hall to host second-year students, while



Newswire photo by Amy Windhorst

Students attend the first of three Campus Construction Forums regarding the planning of new residence halls.

the more “traditional” residence halls of Brockman, Kuhlman and Husman would house freshman. According to the residence hall’s current layout, 522 student beds will be added to campus.

The construction will take place on the space currently occupied by the Dorothy Day House, the Loyola House and the C-5 parking lot. After the construction is complete, half of Cleneay Ave. and Ledgewood Ave. will be closed to traffic and incorporated into campus.

Students at the forum expressed concerns about issues both within and outside of the construction.

One topic of conversation was parking, which Sheeran felt would not be a problem.

“We don’t have a parking problem—we have a problem of convenience,” Sheeran said. He reported that there are nearly 2,000 unused spots currently on campus, and that more parking would be created with the business school and the Learning Commons.

Other central issues discussed in the forum included security, the lack of central RA offices at residence hall entrances, the lack of full kitchens in the building, and the need for both quiet study spaces as well as recreational areas. Students also raised the question of being able to personalize residence hall spaces, perhaps with wall paints or student art.

For now, the project is moving quickly. “We show the board [of trustees] again in December, and then again in February,” Sheeran said. The team hopes to break ground in Feb. 2010.

POLICE NOTES

Oct. 27, 2:56 a.m. – A student observed urinating on a tree in the Admissions lot was cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 27, 8:14 a.m. – Campus Police, Cincinnati Police and Cincinnati Fire and Rescue responded to a report of a person passed out in his or her vehicle in the Village lot. The non-student had pulled into the lot to sleep due to exhaustion and was issued a trespass warning before being escorted off campus by officers.

Oct. 30, 12:54 p.m. – Campus Police assisted Cincinnati Police with a possible burglary in progress at a vacant house on the intersection of Dana Avenue and Herald Avenue. The house was searched and all was ok.

Oct. 30, 10:17 p.m. – A student reported that someone had left a post-it note with an excerpt from Psalm 23 on his or her vehicle which was parked in the R-1 lot.

Oct. 31, 1:10 a.m. – Campus Police investigated a report of subjects fighting on the Residential mall. Three students suspected of being involved were questioned and released to Residence Life to

follow up. The remaining subjects were gone on arrival.

Oct. 31, 8:29 a.m. – An employee reported the theft of a cordless telephone receiver from his or her office on the first floor of Cohen.

Oct. 31, 11:35 p.m. – Two students observed urinating on a wall in the O’Connor Sports Center lot were cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

Nov. 1, 2:05 a.m. – A student observed having difficulty walking through the C-2 lot was transported back to his or her room in Brockman Hall, released to Residence Life and cited for possession of marijuana.

Nov. 1, 8:25 p.m. – An employee reported the theft of two movie items valued at \$44 from the Flix store in Gallagher Student Center.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Nov. 2, 12:52 a.m. – Campus Police, Cincinnati Fire and Rescue and Residence Life investigated a small fire on the greenspace outside Kuhlman Hall. Investigation revealed that unknown subjects threw toilet paper that was on fire into the trees. The fire extinguished itself and five students were identified as possible suspects in the case. Investigation is pending.

Senate project updates

BY SARAH WIETEN
Campus News Editor

Senators both new and experienced are addressing student concerns on campus.

Freshman senator Brock McMorran is looking into reviewing the university’s smoking policy in light of student complaints.

“We have been getting a lot of complaints through the MyXU portal from the students in Kuhlman Hall saying they cannot open their windows for ventilation because of the volume of smoke rising up from the smokers below. We just want to tentatively look into that, policy-wise, and see what can be done to make that situation better for everyone,” McMorran said.

Freshman senator Victoria Massey is hoping to work with the Department of Residence Life to allow sophomores the option of moving off campus.

She hopes this will lessen pressure on the university’s residence hall system until the new residence hall is completed.

Freshman senators Jimmy Geiser and Andrea Goodrich are working together on their projects related to food service and

sustainability. “We inherited the Hoff marketplace project from [senator] Kevin Contrara because he moved off-campus and doesn’t have a meal plan anymore. It just made sense that we should work on this because we are the ones it impacts,” Geiser said.

They plan to implement some kind of ticket system to shorten the line at the sandwich station and increase marketing efforts regarding the marketplace’s green initiatives such as cutting down on styrofoam use and encouraging the use of the new reusable to-go containers. They also plan to work together on campus wide sustainability efforts.

Upperclassmen projects include senior James McShane and sophomore Liza Magley’s work on creating a set of guidelines for Xavier student behavior off campus in an effort to smooth the university’s relationship with the city of Norwood, junior Daniel Francis’s sustainability efforts in setting up paperless end-of-course evaluations and sophomore Ryan Alleman’s work exploring Xavier’s archives to learn about the history of Xavier’s SGA in hopes of creating a group seal.



Newswire photo by Jessica Thimons

Senate in session on Monday, Nov. 2.

New navy blue ‘X-shirt’ unveiled



Newswire photo by Jacob Feldhues

Students model the 2009-2010 “X-Shirt.”

BY DOUG TIFFT
Sports Editor

In recent years, the outline of the Xavier student section has looked like a veritable rainbow: tie-dyes, light blues, grays, whites—even reds.

A committee of nine students, headed by X-Treme Fans and the Student Government Association, has aimed to change that this year by reverting back to a navy blue “X-Shirt”—the official fan t-shirt of Xavier Nation. The front of the shirt portrays the words “Xavier Nation” in block letters, with the words split by a sword.

“We had always wanted to come back to putting Xavier Nation on the front because people seemed to like it when we have done that

in the past,” Tim Conroy, president of X-Treme Fans and SGA legislative vice president said.

The back of the shirt—designed by the Xavier Alumni Center—portrays an ‘X’ with images from Xavier basketball history in the middle and “The Tradition Continues” above and below the design.

“We wanted to play on the motto of “The Tradition Continues,” Conroy said. “With getting a new coach in Chris Mack, we wanted to emphasize that Xavier basketball will continue to move forward. So that was a big theme of the shirt this year.”

Continuing a three-year-old tradition, a portion of the X-Shirt sales will go to a non-profit organization. This year’s char-

ity is Cooperative for Education, a Cincinnati-based non-profit group that volunteers time, money, books and school supplies to children in Guatemala.

“We are thrilled that Cooperative for Education has been chosen to receive the proceeds from this year’s X-Shirt,” Holly End, director of development for Cooperative for Education said. “It’s great because the money will go to provide educational tools and opportunities to some impoverished students in Guatemala.”

“We wanted the whole student section to wear one color. Since people are most likely to wear navy blue, we went with that this year,” Conroy said.

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BRIEFS

Native American History Month

To increase knowledge and awareness of Native American heritage, Xavier will celebrate November's Native American Heritage Month themed "Pride in Our Heritage, Honor to Our Ancestors."

Xavier's Greg Rust, director of photography, and his daughter Erin Rust will speak from 3-3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 in the Gallagher Student Center in room 280.

Back to the Bible

Members of the Xavier and Cincinnati community are continuing a marathon reading of the Bible from Genesis through II Chronicles.

The reading began at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in the clocktower lounge and will continue until II Chronicles is finished, estimated to be Thursday, Nov. 5.

The Bible is being read in several languages including Russian, Latin, Hindi, Italian, Hebrew and English.

The marathon reading is sponsored by Interfaith Community Engagement.

"For the first time in [the university's] history, the words of the Bible will be heard aloud night and day and in the languages of the world community," Rabbi Abie Ingber, founding director of Xavier's Office of Interfaith

Greg will talk about his participation in The Longest Walk in 1978. Erin, a sophomore at Xavier, will talk about her participation with the Cheyenne and their yearly Morning Star Ride remembering The Little Bighorn.

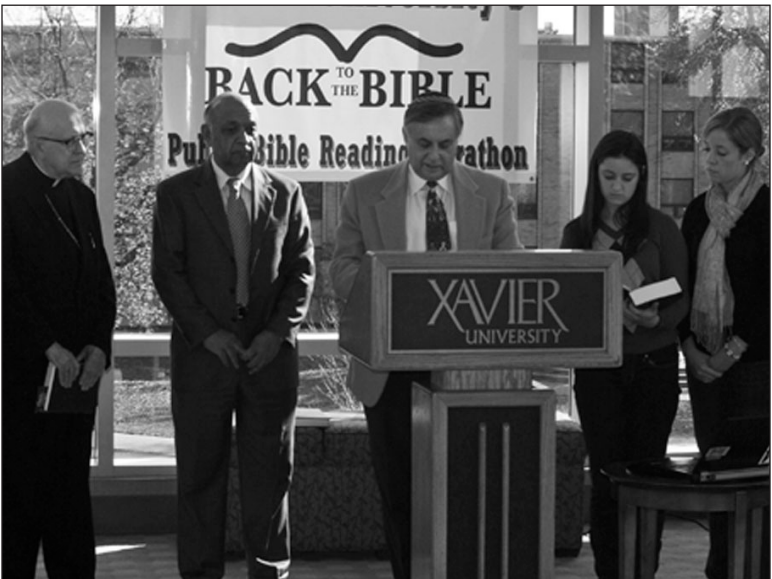
After their talk, from 3:30-5p.m., "Pow-Wow Highway" will be shown while participants eat a meal provided by the Black Greek Council with discussion of the issues portrayed to follow. The First Friday Fellowship is presenting the event.

Another event in celebration of Native American heritage is "Beyond being Indian" a program presented by Guy Jones, co-found-

er of the Miami Valley Council for Native Americans. The program will focus on the many different iconic images that the term Indian has transitioned through.

The show will be performed from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10 in Gallagher Student Center Theatre.

Xavier will also be showcasing an exhibit in the Gallagher stairwell featuring posters with various consequences of voting for or against on November's Ohio casino ballot issue. The exhibit will highlight the influences of gambling on Native American culture and the ways it could influence Ohio since it has been passed.



Rabbi Abie Ingber, director of the Office of Interfaith Community Engagement, began the Back to the Bible ceremony.

Community Engagement, said.

Distinguished readers include Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, Xavier President Michael J. Graham, S.J, and Rabbi Emeritus

of Temple Sholom Gerry Walter.

Students can sign up for 15 minute reading shifts. To register to read a passage, go online to www.b2b.genbook.com.

Campus News

Vandana Shiva recap



Physicist and environmental activist Vandana Shiva.

BY SARAH WIETEN
Campus News Editor

Vandana Shiva, a physicist, author and environmental activist from India, addressed issues of environmental social justice in her lecture last Wednesday Oct. 28 in the Schiff Family Conference Center and spoke about her newest book, "Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change."

The speaker was co-sponsored by the Brueggeman Center and the Women's Center. So many students, faculty and staff were in attendance that many students were forced to find seats in the aisles on the floor.

The audience heard Shiva

touch on topics such as the so called "green revolution" and seed sovereignty in India, the effect of chemical fertilizers on the production of agriculture, and the plight of the small farmer worldwide. She also extolled the benefits of organic farming methods.

Shiva is the second speaker in this year's Ethics/Religion and Society Focus' lecture series. The series theme this year is Ecology and Sustainability: Food and Agriculture.

The next speaker is David Montgomery, a geologist at the University of Washington who will speak March 14, 2010.

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EDITORIAL | BIKE POLICY

Red light for green initiatives

Pretty soon, the red tape will line the walkways of the academic mall, and students who traverse across the greenspace will be ticketed for violating the pristine beautiful, but merely decorative, lawns.

Or so it seems after reading over the new Campus Police bike policy, which was implemented this semester.

While the intentions of the policy are laudable—if, indeed, pedestrians feel their lives are threatened by the coasting bikers and the trees are dying in droves from the bike chains choking their trunks—they only contribute to a growing legalism on campus, illustrating an administrative structure that fails to trust the students.

Much like restrictive policies regarding alcohol—no advertisement of alcohol for campus-sponsored events, for instance—these frivolous policies impose unnecessary fees and suggest the majority of the student body needs prompting to use common sense.

In an effort to promote common sense, *the Newswire* encourages students to use one of the few available bike racks when parking their bicycles and also to avoid chaining their bikes to “inappropriate fixed objects” around campus, since Campus Police could potentially confiscate your bike, especially if your bike isn’t registered and they don’t know who to fine.

But really, who’s to say that a bike chained to a bench on the greenspace is more of an eyesore or even more of a hazard than the gas-guzzling Campus Police SUV?

The Newswire, after scouring its recent police notes, also fails to notice any accidents or incidents involving bicycles where this policy would have made any impact, calling into question the true motives of the policy implementation (boredom, perhaps? A desperate lack of funding?).

On Sustainability Day, much excitement was generated among students, faculty and staff over the prospect of a campus bike rental system, helping connect the disparate edges of campus, such as the Elet and Cohen buildings. Given the lack of adequate bike racks—and a policy that threatens and mistrusts bicyclists—it seems such dreams aren’t going to fly at this university.

It’s a shame that at a time when students are showing initiative to “go green” by riding their bikes to class, Xavier would insist on putting up a red light.

EDITORIAL | BASKETBALL PARKING

A tale of angst and woe

You are about to explode.

You have been driving your vehicle around campus for the last fifteen minutes trying to find one single God-blessed parking space. Meanwhile, pedestrian traffic blocks you when you try to make a turn. Every single parking space is already taken by eager basketball fans. All you want is to get to Gallagher for a meeting that started five minutes ago. You, a *student*, are turned away from the now handicapped-only parking lot that was once C5, sprinkled, for once, with empty spaces.

You are ready to gnaw through the steering wheel.

Every off-campus student knows this feeling. At this rate, you may as well have just walked from your house in Norwood. You’ll end up parking that far away anyway, if you even find a space.

Students are tired of this. We love basketball—really, we do—and we love that so many Xavier fans are able to pour into campus to see their beloved sport. But not everyone can can walk or ride a bike to campus; most students don’t own bikes, and graduate students (and those with night classes) can’t just bike in from all over Cincinnati.

This conundrum deserves attention. As current students who need campus for normal academic activities that unfortunately take place during basketball games (cough, *Newswire* layout, cough), we need parking on campus and we need priority. Xavier should designate a section of C2 for students during games. Part of Norwood Plaza was just repaved and repainted so that basketball fans can have somewhere to park.

So please, Xavier—give us a few more parking spaces. In doing so, you’d be giving back our sanity as well.

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LETTERS

Project SEARCH correction

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Monica Laco and the staff of *the Newswire* for the last week’s article on Project SEARCH. We appreciate the exposure, as our success depends on the job opportunities made available by the faculty and staff of Xavier University.

I would like to clarify a few facts. The interns are not “paid” employees. Our program is funded through Great Oaks, Ohio Rehabilitation Services and Xavier University. In lieu of monetary compensation, the interns provide their services in exchange for the skills and experience that will make them more competitive in obtaining a paying job.

The interns are trained to in-

dependently ride the Metro. They are financially responsible for their bus fare, appropriate work clothing and shoes, classroom supplies and lunch (unless working for Chartwell’s).

Project SEARCH is included in the Division of Student Life and Leadership, within the Peace and Justice Department.

It is associated with the College of Social Sciences, Health and Education, as well as the Department of Secondary and Special Education. This program is a good fit with the Jesuit mission.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make more Xavier offices and departments aware of the untapped skills and talents these students have to offer. We still have students who do not have jobs every day, and they are missing out on the life-changing

skills your office could provide. Please go to the Xavier portal and take a moment to meet these incredible people (click Project SEARCH Interns under the Peace and Justice website). They focus on their abilities, not their disabilities. We hope you will do the same.

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Construction forum sparks new ideas

BY MFREKE AKPANINYIE
Editorial Columnist

Are you interested in what Xavier's campus will look like in the future? Everyone's answer should be "yes."

The Student Government Association is holding a series of forums for students to voice their opinions about the construction that will take place on Xavier's campus.

I highly suggest everyone attend one of the multiple sessions offered. Though I am a senior and my time at Xavier is coming to a close, I still have opinions about what this new and improved Xavier should look like.

One of the things that should be brought up is the issue of parking.

I am not only speaking about parking spaces for vehicles but also racks for bicycles as well. Year after year, parking continues to be an issue with the student body.

And with basketball season already here, parking is just going to get worse on the nights of home games.

The next topic of interest is the construction of new residence halls and apartments on

campus.

With such a large freshman class, many of them have to live in forced triples. It may not seem that bad living that way for a year, but I am guessing that many don't want to live that way for the rest of their time at Xavier.

If the university wants to expand and grow, more living space on campus is crucial to construction plans.

Something else I would like to see in the new construction plans is more green space. I have been to other universities that have magnificent and expansive green spaces.

The greenspace we currently have is decent, but it could be improved.

I worry that with all this construction, there will be too much focus on adding new buildings and structures that simple things like green spaces and plants will be forgotten.

Another thing on my Xavier construction wish list is the construction of an outdoor track and turf playing field.

I am a fan of running outside since I enjoy breathing fresh air while I exercise. Running in place on a treadmill is very mundane and unexciting.

Construction of a turf playing field would do a lot of good for Xavier. It would clear some of the congestion and traffic on the greenspace.

Many times while walking on the greenspace, I have found myself in the middle of a two-hand touch football game or in the path of a swiftly-moving Frisbee. Having a turf playing field would make the greenspace a more peaceful, quiet place for relaxation, socializing and studying.

The construction of an outdoor track and turf playing field would be a great thing for the new recreation center when they build it.

Lastly, I think the addition of a fountain and walkways would add a special touch to Xavier. I am a fan of fountains and walkways, and think they would look nice on our campus.

I have a lot of ideas for what the campus should look like and become. You may agree with some or disagree with all of them.

If you want your voice heard, I suggest attending one of the next forums: Nov. 10 at 2:30 pm in the Clocktower Lounge in Gallagher and Nov. 11 at 4 pm in Albers 103.

Learn from deadly mistakes of others

BY KATHERINE MONASTERIO
Op-Ed Editor

Barely a week after Darren LaCour's last column about the untimely, tragic death of his cousin, I, too received similar news. I found out Sunday that a friend I'd known in elementary school died this past Aug. 29 of a drug overdose at the age of 21.

True, we'd hardly said much since friending each other on Facebook a few years back, and even less before that. But John—the second of my classmates from elementary school to die young of a drug overdose in the last year—was one of my good friends when I was little, and his death has me a bit shaken.

He was a bright kid. I remember him as a bit hyper and certainly a troublemaker, but he was friendly to everyone. He always had a grin ready, regardless of your place on the social chain. He refused to call me Katherine, preferring a more friendly "Katie." He taught me to cross the tops of my capital "J"s. His obituary lamented that he wouldn't produce any more art; he was an accomplished sculpter and photographer.

And he's dead. All those years we spent in elementary school, none of us knew his time was al-

ready almost up.

So here's a message to all of you prats who take drugs, whether you're completely addicted or just do it occasionally, whether you're high right now or you've only done it a few times in your basement, whether painkillers or weed is your drug of choice:

Why the hell do you think it's worth it?

It's not. Doing drugs when you know they could lead to all kinds of harm is nothing short of stupid.

Imagine, if you will, your parents answering That Phone Call, the one every parent dreads. Read Darren's words from last week and imagine your own family crippled with grief, trying desperately to find hope that won't come. Depending on the drug, how you use it and what you do while under its influence, such scenarios may not be that far off.

I'm well aware that sitting on a couch smoking a joint with your buddies won't kill you. But driving home afterward might. Crossing the street when you think it's safe, or dropping an unnoticed spark on that old dusty couch might. Having such a dependence that you take desperate measures to obtain your next fix might.

I hate to sound like your

fourth grade D.A.R.E. officer, but clearly the message didn't sink in then. Would the you of 10 years ago be proud of the you today? The one who gets so high on weekends that you still feel it the next day, that you miss class and consistently act like an immature plebe?

I'm absolutely at a loss as to what the attraction is. It's illegal, dangerously brain-damaging, and after awhile, expensive. We're college kids; our lack of cash is no secret. Why spend it on a sense-numbing brain-cell-destroyer when you could be using it for a new iPod, a nice date, or a giant bag of Pizza Rolls before exams?

It's time to re-think your addiction. I'm tired of hearing stories like those of Darren's cousin Kyle, my friend Chelsey and now John. They were all bright, wonderful kids who happened to do something stupid, and all we have left of them are memories.

Don't let it happen to you. For God's sake, use your brain, or what's left of it. Remember that smarter people than us have ceased to exist because of something they could have easily prevented.

If you need help, ask for it. You know what your resources are. Especially at Xavier, there will always be people willing to reach out to you.

—MALL TALK—

with Amy Windhorst & Katherine Monasterio

In light of the student forums about campus construction, what should Xavier build next?



Steve Webb
Class of '13

"A closer fitness center."



Andre Doub
Class of '12

"A better place to take naps."



Kevin Keller
Class of '10

"Moving side-walks, like at the airport."



Kelsey Bakalar
Class of '13

"A new pool and rec center."



Elsa Gardner
Class of '13

"A gladiator ring."



Leanne Stevens
Class of '12

"A pretzel stand in the middle of the Green Space."



Joanna VonLuehrte
Class of '11

"More food options, because I'm sick of Subway."



Hameer Deo
Class of '13

"A football stadium."

BRIEFS

Cross country teams finish ninth at A-10s



Newsire photo by Danielle Meiners
Junior Caitlin Thomas.

This past Halloween, the Xavier University cross country teams traveled to Saint Louis for the A-10 championship. The conditions for the course were far from ideal, as the course recived four inches of rain.

Both the women’s and the men’s teams finished ninth in the championship.

The weather did not bother junior Carlin Thomas, who led the Musketeer women, and finished fifth overall. Thomas was named to the All-Conference team.

“She was engaged and steady throughout the race,” said head coach Steve Nester.

Graduate student Amy Sanders finished second for the Musketeers and 34th overall. Rounding out the scoring for the Musketeers were freshman Kaitlin Price and seniors Danielle Meiners and Bethany Moore.

The men’s team also had an All-Conference runner in junior Tommy Kauffmann. Kauffmann finished 11th overall.

Sophomore Keith Alberktson finished second for the Muskies and 44th overall.

On Nov. 14, the Musketeers will travell to Bloomington, Ind. to take part in the NCAA regional contest.

Swimming teams take four of five

The Xavier University swimming teams won four of five matches over the weekend. The men’s team defeated Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and Evansville. The women topped IUPUI and Butler, while falling to Evansville.

Both teams recorded first place finishes in several events.

For the men, freshman David Gordon finished first in the 1650-yard free event. Sophomore Micheal Zennedjian touched first in the 200-yard free.

For the women, seniors Elaina Suba and Martha Cutter-Wilson, junior Bethanie Griffin and freshman Courtney Shields placed first in the 200-yard medley relay. Junior Kari Peglar touched first in the 200-yard backstroke event.

On Friday, Nov. 7 the Musketeers will travel to Bowling Green, Ken. to take on Western Kentucky.

Muskie men get off to the races

Fastbreaks lead the way to 39-point win over DII opponent

By DOUG TIFFT
Sports Editor

There was an awkward silence at the outset of a low-key press conference following a methodical 86-47 exhibition win by the Xavier men’s basketball team over Rollins College Tuesday evening.

New Xavier head coach Chris Mack sat on the dais, staring at the reporters, as they stared at him, awaiting the customary opening statement by a head coach.

“You’ll have to excuse me,” Mack said. “I’m new to this.”

While Mack’s media career may have gotten off to a slow start, his team had no such problems, racing out of the gates to outscore the Tars 25-0 on fastbreak points, led by 16 points from sophomore guard Jordan Crawford.

“Coach is in our face all of the time, even when we are tired, telling us to push the ball,” Crawford said. “That is going to be a big key for us this season.”

Leading the break most frequently for the Musketeers was freshman Mark Lyons, who had

seven assists in his first time in a Xavier uniform after sitting out the 2008-09 season as a partial qualifier.

“It was exciting to come out and play with my teammates after sitting out a long year,” Lyons said. “It’s a relief at the end of the day.”

The Xavier break was started by a 42-29 rebounding advantage over the undersized Tars, led by eight rebounds from junior forward Jamel McLean.

Beyond the rebounding advantage, Mack wanted to see the frontcourt get more involved in the transition offense.

“Our bigs have to run the floor,” Mack said. “They are a little bit behind in conditioning, but they need to join the race.”

The next track meet for the Musketeers will come on Saturday, Nov. 7 when they host Northern Kentucky in their final exhibition tune-up for the Nov. 13 regular season opener against Youngstown State.

One thing is for sure, Mack will have his statement ready.



Newsire photo by Danielle Meiners
Sophomore guard Jordan Crawford had 16 points on 7-13 shooting and six rebounds in an 86-47 win by the Musketeers over Rollins College.

Women’s season ends with in defeat

Musketeers drop match against Dayton to finish 3-15-1

By JOCELYN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

A season of frights for the Xavier women’s soccer team came to end on Halloween night with a 3-0 loss to Dayton.

The Musketeers finished the year 3-15-1, battling injuries throughout, yet still improving on a 1-16-2 campaign in 2008.

As the 2009 season drew to a close, the Musketeers know that they will have to make up for a litany of departures.

Beyond the departure of head coach Alvin Alexander—announced Nov. 3—Xavier will be saying goodbye to seniors Kelly Farrell, Brittany Green, Loren Marshall, Lauren Nutini, Ali Nellis and Katy Rudokas.

Green led the team with four goals and one assist while Brooks posted 23 shot attempts with 10 being on goal and Farrell provided 77 saves on the year.

The cupboard is not bare, however, as sophomore Jessica Brooks and freshman Chelsea Burns gained experience as leaders on the 2009 squad.

Burns did not look to score much, instead leading the defensive unit of Nutini, Marshall and freshmen Leslie Boersma and Brett Sweeney from her post in midfield.

While the Xavier defensive unit made great strides in 2009, its of-



Newsire photo by Danielle Meiners
Freshman Brett Sweeney started all 19 games for Xavier on defense.

fense was often stagnant, attempting only 111 shots to its opponents’ 354—a regression from the 190-318 differential in 2008.

The shot differential resulted in a 52-8 goal deficit for the Musketeers on the season.

The opponents’ offensive onslaught often put significant pressure on the Xavier defense.

Xavier goalkeepers made 129 saves on the season, compared with 48 for their opponents’ goalies.

| Atlantic 10 Standings | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|---|
| Name | W | L | T |
| Dayton | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Charlotte | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| Fordham | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| SBU | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| UMASS | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Saint Louis | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| GW | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| La Salle | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Richmond | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| St. Joseph's | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Duquesne | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Rhode Island | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Temple | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Xavier | 2 | 8 | 1 |

Despite the differential, Farrell was still able to record three shut-outs on the season.

With a greater amount of time on defense, the Musketeers naturally committed a greater number of fouls.

Xavier ended the season with 172 fouls compared to 136 committed by their opponents.

As the page turns to 2010, the Musketeers will be under the guidance of a new head coach, with a new goalkeeper—junior Jenny Rosen and freshman Jennifer Perri will battle for the job—and a group of underclassmen replacing the six seniors.

This group will hope to provide the first winning season for Xavier socer after five straight losing seasons.

Volleyball hands Dayton first conference loss

Streaking Musketeers ride two more wins into third place in Atlantic 10

By SCOTT MUELLER
Asst. Sports Editor

Riding a recent hot swing that has seen them win nine wins in 11 games, the Xavier volleyball team registered victories over Dayton and La Salle this past weekend.

The wins extended their winning streak to three games and moved them to third place in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

On Friday, Oct. 30, the Musketeers hosted Dayton. The Flyers came into the match undefeated in conference play.

In the first set, Dayton jumped out to an early 9-6 lead. However, Xavier went on an 8-1 run to take control of the set at 14-10. Xavier's lead was never less than three for the rest of the set, and the Musketeers went on to win the opening set 25-20.

In the second set, the Flyers came out strong, looking to even the match. Dayton opened with a 5-1 run.

The Flyers stretched the lead to eight at 18-10. Xavier fought back, but it was too little too late, and the Musketeers dropped the second set 25-19.

It was Xavier's turn to get out to an early lead in the third set, taking a 6-2 lead. The Flyers did not go away, however, and battled back to take the lead at 9-8.

With the Flyers leading 21-19, Xavier went on a 5-1 run to close

out the set 25-22, and take the advantage in the match.

The fourth set was close the entire time with neither team taking more than a three point lead throughout. Dayton eventually took the set, 25-23, tying the match at two.

In the fifth set, the Musketeers flexed their muscles and defended their home court. With the Flyers leading 5-3, the Musketeers went on a 10-2 run, taking control of the match for good. Xavier won the fifth and decisive set 15-10 and the match 3-2.

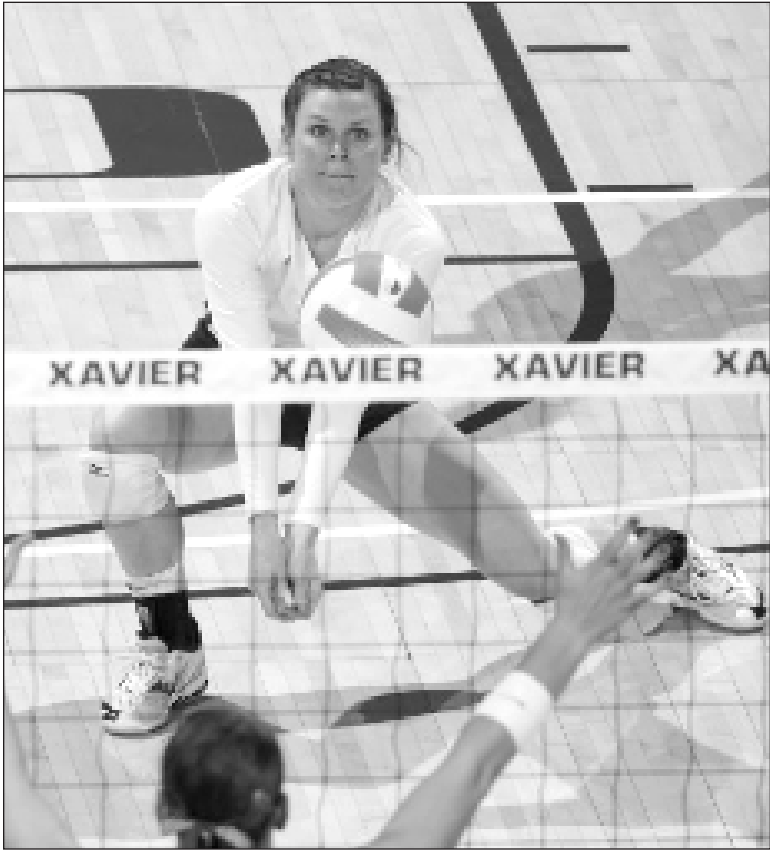
"I don't think its the best we've played, and we still won," head coach Floyd Deaton said. "We made some mistakes, but we came through. We battled through. We wanted to win that match, and I think it was a match of wills."

Senior Lauren Kaminsky posted 15 kills and 17 digs. Freshman Stephanie Vorherr once again led the team in digs with 24.

The crowd on hand was one of the bigger crowds this season. Among the large crowd was a Floyd Deaton impersonator.

"I absolutely appreciate [the fans]; they make the difference. They were fantastic. They never stop; they were loud the whole time. I think we have the best fans in the whole conference," Deaton said.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the Musketeers swept La Salle for the



Senior Lauren Kaminsky posted a double-double in the victory over Dayton, recording 15 kills and 17 digs.

second time this season.

After trading points in the beginning of the first set, the Musketeers began to pull away. Already leading 12-10, the Musketeers closed out the set on a 13-5 run.

The Musketeers once again dominated in the second set.

With the score tied at four, the Musketeers went on an 8-1 run to take a commanding lead in the set. Xavier won the second set 25-14.

The third set was much more competitive. Neither team led by more than three points throughout the entire set.

The Explorers held set point

Despite early leads, soccer drops two

By KEN BURTON
Staff Writer

The Xavier men's soccer team jumped on top of its opponents this weekend with goals early in the first-half, but holding off two of the Atlantic 10's top teams eventually proved too tough a task.

The first loss came at the hands of the Saint Louis Billikens by a 2-1 margin, the second a 3-2 loss to the nationally ranked Charlotte 49ers on senior night.

With the losses, Xavier falls to 2-12-1 for the year, 1-7-0 in A10 play.

Junior El-Hadji Dieng got the home crowd riled up early on Friday with his goal less than two minutes into the contest. The goal, which ricocheted off the upper crossbar and in, was assisted by sophomore Brendan Rogers.

The Billikens countered with a 45-yard free kick as time was winding down in the first half. The Billiken strategy to screen freshman goalkeeper Justin Marshall on the free kick proved effective; Marshall's late play on the ball resulted in the equalizer.

A one-on-one matchup midway through the second half also proved fruitful for the Billikens. In the 76th minute, Billiken striker Scott Wisniewski drew Marshall from his spot deep in the box and sent a lob shot over Marshall's head to put St. Louis on top for good.

After the game, Saint Louis



Junior El-Hadji Dieng got Xavier on the board with a second minute goal against Saint Louis.

head coach Dan Donigan echoed what many coaches have been saying about the 12-loss Musketeers.

"I don't think Xavier's record is indicative of how tough they play.

This was a great win for us," said Donigan.

Prior to the Charlotte game, a ceremony was held to honor Xavier's three senior leaders:

Kennedy Nakwa, Ricky Sutherland and Jake Vollmer.

Vollmer, by way of his fourth goal of the season, kick-started the Musketeers' offense. At 24:46 mark, Vollmer delivered a 15-yard free kick past the Charlotte keeper and into the upper-90.

Xavier headed into halftime leading the 11th ranked 49ers 2-0 thanks to junior James Getzen's header with just 47 seconds remaining in the half. Dieng was awarded the assist by serving a cross into the box to an open Getzen who headed the ball inside the near post.

Charlotte coach Jeremy Gunn must have delivered one inspiring half-time speech, as the 49er's looked like a completely different team.

Freshman 49er Donnie Smith scored two quick goals, and teammate Adam Gross put the final nail in the proverbial coffin by striking home the game winner with less than 10 minutes to play.

"[Smith] just kept terrorizing Xavier in the second half," Gunn said after the game.

For his terrorization of the suddenly-porous Musketeers defense, Smith was named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's National Team of the Week.

While the Musketeers were hoping to send the senior class out with one last home win, they will have to settle with the opportunity to play rival Dayton in its final game of the 2009 season.

Atlantic 10 Standings

| | Conference | | Overall | |
|-------------|------------|----|---------|----|
| Name | W | L | W | L |
| Dayton | 11 | 1 | 22 | 3 |
| Saint Louis | 10 | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| Xavier | 8 | 3 | 16 | 10 |
| Charlotte | 6 | 5 | 15 | 12 |
| GW | 6 | 5 | 19 | 9 |
| Temple | 6 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| Duquesne | 4 | 7 | 14 | 12 |
| Fordham | 3 | 8 | 13 | 16 |
| URI | 2 | 9 | 9 | 15 |
| La Salle | 0 | 12 | 3 | 27 |

at 24-23, however, the Musketeers stormed back to take the set 26-24 and the match 3-0.

"We went in and took care of business. I think we knew we were better than them, and it wasn't pretty, but we took care of it," Deaton said.

Senior Kelly Ruth and junior Shannon Voors each record nine kills. The victory was Xavier's 11th sweep of the season.

The Musketeers have two matches this coming weekend. Fordham will come to Cintas Center on Friday at 7 p.m. On Sunday, the Musketeers will travel to Saint Louis to take on SLU.

Club Sports Report Football

Past results:
Beat the Wilmington College JV team 29-16 Sunday, Nov. 1 to improve to 5-2 on the season. Led by quarterback Chris Greenwood on offense and line-backer Brett Hoyer on defense.

Coming up:
Travel to the University of New Orleans Saturday, Nov. 7.

Hockey

Past results:
Ranked No. 13 in the North Conference of the Division III American Collegiate Hockey Association after compiling a 6-5 record.

Coming up:
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And all that Jazz (ensemble)

By RALPH FRITZ
Staff Writer

This past Friday, the Xavier University Jazz Ensemble performed at Ryan’s Pub and Eatery as part of a series aiming to imitate jazz club atmosphere of old.

At first, the performance at Ryan’s was nothing worth writing about in *the Newswire*, and some Ryan’s patrons even seemed annoyed that the event was interfering with watching ESPN.

But as the performance went on, there was an influx of audience members.

Amidst the applauding and hooting mass there were a few costumed individuals from the Run Like Hell Marathon who may have been drawn in by the music drifting across the greenspace. Absent from the audience was a large number of Xavier students coming out to support their peers, but I in part blame a scheduling mistake on the Portal that gave an incorrect start time for the show.

After a several-year hiatus from Ryan’s, the Jazz Ensemble returned to what its director and conductor John DeFoor described as the place where they belong.

Under DeFoor’s direction, the



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The Jazz Ensemble took over Ryan’s Pub for an enthralling Friday night of class and brass.

musicians performed wonderfully on the uncharacteristically warm autumn night.

Showing no need for a stage, the band stood in a cluttered half-circle, lining the far wall of the pub and dominating the room.

The intimate setup made every seat feel like the best one in the

house as the music overtook the crowd, but there was some difficulty understanding the vocals over the swell of all the instruments.

The students demonstrated spirit and enthusiasm from start to finish, whether they were playing one of the many solos that punctuated various songs or maintain-

ing the steady toe-tapping beat.

The solos were often lavish and high energy pieces that conjured up the jazz club feeling as musicians seemingly gave it all to the audience.

Overall it seemed that each song in the set afforded almost every member of the band an

opportunity to shine musically or lyrically at some point.

The entire performance was entertaining, but I particularly enjoyed the band’s renditions of “Amazing Grace” and “Make Me Smile” as well as cover of “Schizophrenic Voices.”

I am no expert on the jazz genre, jazz venues or the history of jazz, but all of my reservations about attending the performance were dispelled when the band began to play.

You only have three more chances to hear the Jazz Ensemble attempt to recapture the charm and allure of the genre’s origins.

On Nov. 8th and 22nd, there will be free performances in the Edgecliff recital hall, and on Dec. 4th the music will fill (the formerly silent movie theater-turned concert hall) Lyric (8907 Reading Road) for a \$5 cover, which also includes snacks and soft drinks.

Whether you are a jazz aficionado or a person that can’t tell a saxophone from a trombone, the Xavier University Jazz Ensemble is definitely worth a listen.

If you are unable to make these performances, be sure to pick up a copy of the group’s soon to be released CD “Make Me Smile.”

‘Urinetown’ hits Xavier this weekend

By DES DALE
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“Urinetown” the musical is set to hit the stage of the Gallagher Student Center Theater this weekend.

The musical tells the story of a town where strict public urination regulations have been created because of a long-running drought

in the area.

Citizens in this town are policed day and night by sadistic, yet charismatic, officers who find joy in others’ discomfort.

The townspeople are rather peculiar themselves, but that’s what happens when people must scrape up money just to relieve themselves of bodily fluids.

“There’s a little something for everyone [in “Urinetown”]—a love story, a revolution, and a kidnapping,” director Stephen Skiles said.

The play employs a variety of modern music genres to move the plot along. The musical also features a live orchestra which fills the theater with warm sound.

Skiles shows an impressive attention to detail making sure each moment in the musical is as effective as possible.

Skiles has worked with the cast to extrapolate every drop of campiness from “Urinetown’s” plot, adding numerous gestures and mannerisms into the play’s dialogue.

His work doesn’t just stop there; he along with members of the cast and crew worked to put up the set last Friday.

“Urinetown” will grace Gallagher’s main stage this Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 5 – Nov. 8. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with a student ID and \$15 for all others.

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The cast and crew of “Urinetown” built their set in one day.

Gordo’s shakes up burger scene

By Andrew Chestnut
Managing Editor

If one could say Cincinnati has a “burger scene,” then one could say it was shaken up when Norwood native Raymond Gordo opened his eponymous burger establishment on Montgomery Avenue, just north of campus.

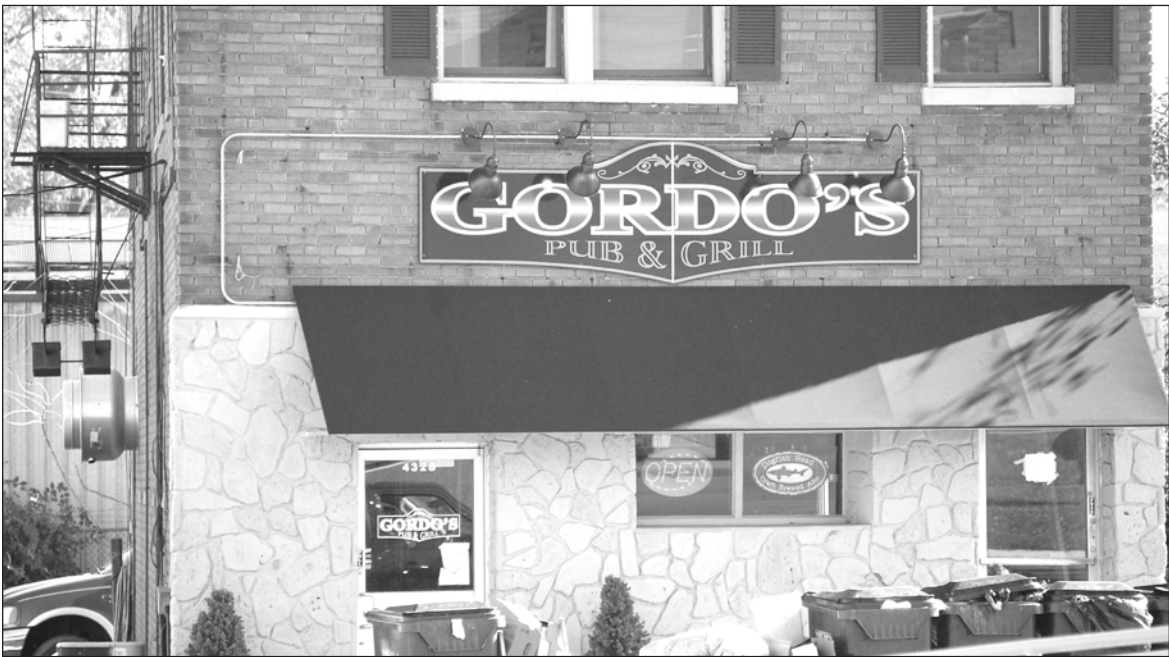
Gordo’s Pub and Grill features a broad menu of dinner entrees, designer sandwiches and gourmet burgers that strongly evince its owner’s 16-year culinary career. Essentially, it offers bar food with a fantastic, creative twist in a relaxed, contemporary environment.

I ordered the “Gordo’s burger,” a perfectly balanced, half-pound masterpiece that begins by mixing lean ground beef with bacon, onion and herbs, cooking it to order, then topping it with roasted poblanos, onions, mushrooms, bacon and boursin cheese.

It was, unquestionably, the best burger I have had in Cincinnati—better than Zip’s Café in Mt. Lookout, better than Arthur’s in Hyde Park—by a wide margin. I finished it in roughly 3.4 seconds.

Aside from Hurculean, potentially life-altering burgers, Gordo’s has a variety of appetizers, sandwiches and sides that are equally satisfying. Steak fries are a good option, but the macaroni and cheese or the braised red cabbage is worth the upgrade.

The smoked salmon platter,



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Gordo’s Pub and Grill features a broad menu of dinner entrees, designer sandwiches and gourmet burgers.

baked mixed mushrooms and chicken cordon blue sandwich are also excellent choices. Although they are loaded with meats, cheeses and other toppings, salads are the only menu items that don’t exactly stand out; I would opt for a burger or one of the many appetizers.

The range and quality of Gordo’s cuisine is rivaled by that of its bar, which offers 49 beers, 12 wines, and an impressive array of whiskeys and scotches—if you’re into that sort of thing. This well-stocked bar makes Gordo’s a great drinking destination, rather than just a restaurant that happens to serve alcohol.

Several other factors place

Gordo’s in a category somewhere between “awesome” and “epic.” First, the restaurant is within walking distance from Xavier’s campus and Southern Norwood, so getting a cab back is unnecessary if you happen to take full advantage of the restaurant’s versatile drink menu.

Second, Gordo’s dimmed-lighting, contemporary design and laid-back rock music contribute to an atmosphere that is equal parts trendy, comforting and fun. It is highly conducive to good conversation and makes you want to stay for hours—a sure sign of a successful restaurant.

Finally, eating at Gordo’s is

quite affordable, especially considering the mass and quality of foodstuffs in each order.

With most burgers, sandwiches and appetizers under \$10, dinner and drinks here will cost you around the same as, say, Buffalo Wild Wings (and obviously, there’s a lot more bang for your buck).

Gordo’s is located at 4328 Montgomery Road.

The kitchen is open Monday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Gordo’s bar is open Monday-Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 2 a.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Tech readers square off

By Kathryn Rosenbaum
Editor-in-Chief

At first, I was opposed to electronic readers. They seemed expensive and I didn’t want to lose the chance to go to a bookstore to buy a book to place on my bookshelf. I also didn’t think I wanted to read novels on a screen—I spend enough time at a computer.

However, after I started researching electronic readers—specifically Amazon’s Kindle and Barnes and Noble’s Nook, these readers intrigued me. Their screens are not like a computer screen—they use electronic ink and don’t use backlighting. Thus it is more like reading a page from a book than a page on a computer.

I have yet to purchase an electronic reader, but have seriously considered buying one in the future.

Kindle

The Kindle, Amazon’s electronic reader, has dominated the electronic book market since its release in 2007. The newest version, the Kindle 2, is available for \$259. Readers can buy books from Amazon.com, and most of the newest bestsellers are available for \$9.99.

Amazon.com says readers can choose from 360,000 titles. Readers can also subscribe to magazines and newspapers on the Kindle. Kindle readers can access free books via Googlebooks after they download the books into a



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Amazon’s Kindle currently dominates the electronic book market.

format compatible for Kindle.

Books, magazines and newspapers are downloaded automatically onto the Kindle so no computer connection is needed. The Kindle can store 1,500 books.

The Kindle also uses 3G wireless, similar to the iPhone and the BlackBerry. People can access the Internet to download books or use a simple internet browser, which allows readers to use Google or Wikipedia without a Wi-Fi hot spot.

The battery lasts for four days with wireless feature turned on and two weeks with the wireless turned off.

The only drawback of the Kindle is a significant one: With no sharing option available, kindlers are forced to keep all the great works they find to themselves.

Nook

Barnes and Noble will release its challenge to the Kindle this November for \$279. The Nook has not been tested by critics yet,

but has received positive reviews so far.

Nook readers will be able to download over one million books, newspapers and magazines. Prices will be comparable to the Kindle at \$9.99. Furthermore, Nook readers will have access to free books through Google Books without having to change the format. Readers will also have access to read works for free inside Barnes and Noble stores.

Nook users can lend texts to friends with Nooks, iPods and Blackberries for up to 14 days. This is a simple feature, but used as one of the main selling points for the Nook.

Like the Kindle, the Nook can store approximately 1,500 books, but also features a memory card slot for more storage.

The Nook’s design is different than the Kindle’s. It has a reading screen and then a color touch screen below to navigate through works. With the wireless turned off, the battery lasts 10 days, which is less than the Kindle.

There are a few drawbacks to the Nook. Readers can only use the Internet to download books—there is no google or wikipedia access.

One must keep in mind that this is first generation of the Nook. It has not been tested by readers and it’s unknown if the device has a major flaw or how big of a seller it will be.

Live Wires

(week of Nov. 3)

Mount Eerie with No Kids and Tara Jane O’Neil

It’s going down at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Art Damage Lodge (4120 Hamilton Ave.) Tickets are \$7.

Buffalo Killers with Backyard Tire Fire

The show will kick off at 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 at Southgate House (24 E. 3rd St). Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

The Cheep Date Tour featuring Forever the Sickest Kids

The concert will start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Bogart’s (2621 Vine St). Tickets are \$13.50 in advance and \$15.50 at the door.

New Releases

(as of Nov. 3)

Ryan Leslie

Transition
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World Painted Blood
(Sony)

Julian Casablancas

Phrases For The Young
(RCA)

Weezer

Raditude
(Geffen)

BRIEFS

RAD Self-Defense Class for Women

From 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 5, Sgt. Ken Grossman of Campus Police will continue the second section of a series of Rape Aggression Defense classes. Women are invited to come to Flynn Hall and learn how to better protect themselves from potential aggressors while receiving instruction from nationally certified teachers.

Reunion Weekend

Friday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 8, enjoy fun family festivities all over campus in one of Xavier’s oldest traditions. Come participate in one of the few times on campus when people of all ages can be seen frolicking around. Learn more at www.xavier.edu/reunionweekend.

Big Sisters with Sigma Gamma Rho

From 4 – 6 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 6, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho are inviting people to participate in their monthly mentor at the Leblond Boys and Girls Club (1620 Central Parkway). Transportation will be provided from Bellarmine Circle at 3:30 p.m.

Catherine Stahl,
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We all know President Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., as the man who greets us at Manresa, hands us our diploma when we graduate and says 10 p.m. Mass once a month (which may or may not include a post-communion drink at Dana's). But what really goes on in the life of Fr. Graham? I recently had the opportunity to sit down with him to discuss how he fulfills his multiple roles as president, priest and man.



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From left to right: Adrian Schiess, Charles Gallagher, Fr. Michael Graham and John Johns sit in Graham's office to discuss Xavier's Pacesetter program.

Background

A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (whose football team he still follows dutifully) and the oldest of seven children, he embarked on his scholarly journey at Cornell College, a small, liberal arts school in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He continued with his graduate studies at the University of Michigan, where he started leaning toward the Jesuits through an individual he met there, who he now identifies as his best friend (and fellow col-

leagues of 2001 as a way of brokering the relationships between the community and the police force," he said. CPPC also oversees a program known as the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV), which aims to reduce gang-related homicide rates.

Graham named the best part of being university president without skipping a beat, "The people you get to meet. I have the privilege of working with and meeting incredible people [students, staff and

the day, watch football, go out for walks, and we always get together at the end of the day for dinner, sit on the front porch, smoke cigars and tell stories. They're the only people who completely understand my life and I can be completely open with them about it. So we talk business, but on the other hand we can talk on a very personal level," he said.

Priest

In addition to celebrating Mass at Bellarmine Chapel, Graham carries out his role as priest by performing a number of wedding ceremonies both in Cincinnati and elsewhere, as well as celebrating Mass at Good Shepherd Parish in Cincinnati since 1991.

"It's just really nice to get outside the Xavier universe. It's good for them, it's good for me and it's good for the university to have the president be involved in the ordinary operations of the archdiocese," he said.

Graham's Jesuit experience impacts his life as president in both big and small ways, citing himself to some degree as the spiritual leader of the campus (ranging from Baccalaureate Mass to the Spirit Celebration).

"If my being a Jesuit doesn't change the way I'm a president, then there's no point to having the president be a priest. Part of being a priest and Xavier being a Jesuit Catholic school means we can have a sort of moral voice in the community, which influences where I get involved," he said.

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Besides the deep concerns typical of college-aged students ("Who am I really?" "What's my purpose?"), the main concern students have regarding their life at the university is whether or not the university will fulfill its promises, ranging from attention from faculty to uneasiness over finances.

"But I don't see one over-arching big issue...the one exception being finances. [Most issues are] kind of like a mile deep and an inch wide," he said.

Free times

Although there's no such thing as a typical day in the life of Graham, he said a typical week would involve off-campus meetings, a breakfast and/or lunch or two, multiple dinner obligations, staff meetings, a trip out of town, time for paperwork, raising money, etc.

The little free time he does enjoy is spent with friends, gardening or watching sports, particularly college basketball and Iowa Hawkeye football (8-0 this year). "It's a huge deal back home. When the Hawkeyes are playing, Eastern Iowa stops."

Although classical music dominates his stereo time, he and a friend share the pastime of previewing and exchanging quality rock CDs. Among his favorites:

Bob



President. Priest. Man.

An interview with Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., by Meghan Berneking

lege president). He entered the Society of Jesus in 1978, midway through graduate school. Graham completed his doctoral work in American studies, focusing on religion and identity in early America. His interests later shifted to the early national period in the "so-called Age of Jackson," an era of rapid socio-economic change.

"My take was that religion becomes a way of making sense of the world, and so it offers you the big picture hypotheses that explains the world to you, locates your place in it and gives you some sense of purpose and meaning. When you look at times of social, economic and political change, then you are going to see rapid religious change as well trying to catch up to it, make sense of it and help people navigate it," he said.

After a stint at Georgetown University while completing his dissertation, he came to Xavier in 1984. After a year and a half at Xavier, he attended seminary in Cambridge, Mass. from 1985-1989. He was ordained in June 1988 and came back to Xavier in the summer of 1989 as assistant professor of history. He served as the development vice-president for almost four years before becoming president in 2001.

President

As president of Xavier, Graham sees his main responsibility as, "to lead the university in strategic planning, to come up with a strategic plan and execute it."

"I'm kind of like the chief officer of everything. My job is to oversee the whole and see how it all integrates," he said.

Aside from his private life, Graham said he does everything as the president of the university. "I am, in the public eye, Xavier University," he said.

As such, he works on a number of non-profit boards in Cincinnati, most notably United Way, for which he serves as the chair. He also serves on the board of the Cincinnati Publics Partnering Center (CPPC). "It was founded in the wake of the

board members, as well as people in the community]."

"Without a doubt, the most frustrating thing in my life is my calendar. There's not even a second place," he said. Booking out months in advance, his schedule is rigid, meaning he savors his few nights off.

Travel

Though he did not mention how many frequent flier miles he has amassed over the years, it's likely enough for a few decent first-class perks since he travels, on average, about once a week.

Although the majority of these excursions are business rather than pleasure-oriented, one of his annual, non-work-related trips is a long weekend in October with the presidents of some other Jesuit universities at a house near the beach owned by one of the priest's parents in North Wildwood, N.J.

"It's wonderful. We get together and have casual talks throughout the course of

Connections with students

Although Graham no longer teaches a class (citing time restraints preventing him from keeping up in the field as his main reason for foregoing it), remaining in touch with students is an important part of his role as president, he said.

"It unfortunately has to be rather formalized or ritualized and built into my schedule, just because I don't have hang out, free time. But living in the Commons kind of puts me there. It's amazing the kind of conversations you have while waiting for an elevator," he said.

He has never been annoyed with noise students have made in the Commons and has even had students knock on his door and ask him to turn his music down. "So do I know people as well as I would like—no. But do I know people a lot better than other presidents do—yes."

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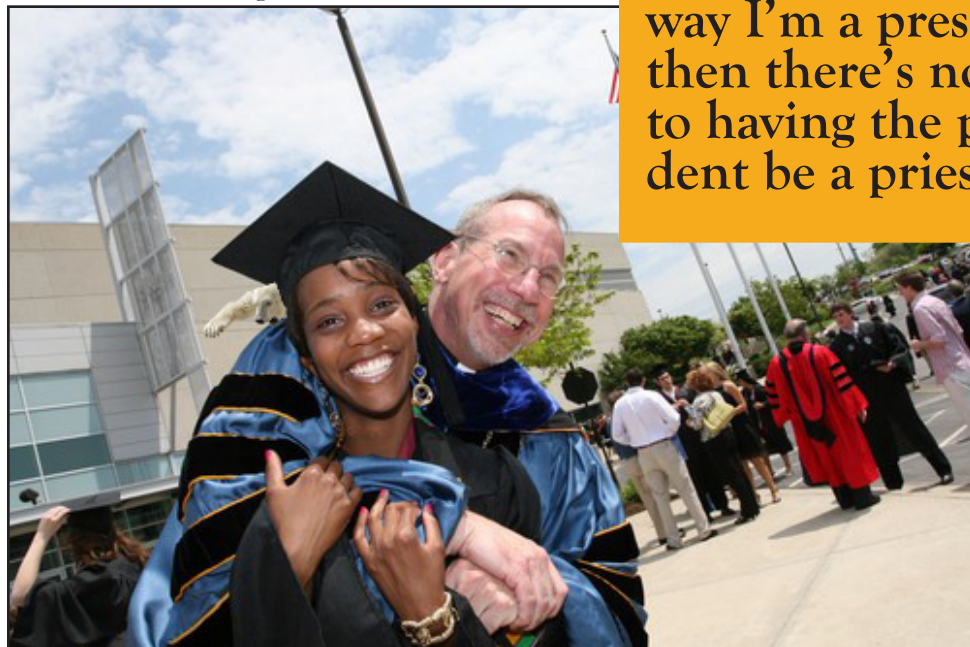


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Graham celebrate commencement with a new Xavier graduate. "Do I know [students] as well as I'd like—no," Graham said, "But do I know people a lot better than other presidents do—yes."

Dylan, Iron and Wine, Green Day and the Avett Brothers.

"There's lots of stuff out there now that's very interesting—younger groups trying to sound older. When people my age say there's no good music out there, it means they're not paying attention," he said, mentioning that Green Day's "American Idiot" is one of the best albums in the past five years.

Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask

He can't bench press as much as he used to and claims the best he did was tripling 350 pounds when he was in his late thirties. "Now because of multiple injuries with my back...I can only work out in ways I used to make fun of," he said.

The one question that created a long pause in our conversation was when I asked him to name the one book all Xavier students should read before graduating.

Here were the top four: "Seven Story Mountain" by Thomas Merton, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr., "The Idea of the University" by John Henry Newman and "Habits of the Heart" by Robert Bellah.

Graham gave some final words of wisdom for students: "This is the only time you ever get to be in college. Don't blow it. Live on the edge and do things you wouldn't normally do, but academics always come first.

"You are never in your life going to have the opportunity to read books and talk about them with people who are experts in them, so take that very seriously. But do everything else as well; meet the friends who will be your friends for the rest of your life; give them the time that they need and you need," he said.